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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION ("RCE") UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

This is in response to the **Final** Office Action dated October 19, 2005, sent in connection with the above-identified application. A <u>Request for Continued Examination</u> ("RCE") is also being submitted herewith. This response is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, and associated fee for the extension and for the RCE, to be charged to Deposit Account 50-0423, which extends the time for response to April 19, 2006. No further fees are believed due. If any further fees are due, please charge the same to deposit account 50-0423. Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. **Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.